

Now, as the Senators return to their States, renew those who are weary, reinforce those who are anxious, and rejuvenate those who need a second wind to press on for Your honor and glory. We praise You for the privilege of living in this Republic and for the opportunity to serve You in public office. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DANIEL K. AKAKA led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 20, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL K. AKAKA, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. AKAKA thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Chair will shortly announce that we will be in a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. I am sure some of those speeches will be extended for more than 10 minutes for various reasons.

We worked until this morning completing the Senate's business. The poor staff has had little rest. We hope to not be in for a long period of time today. We are going to come back, as indicated, rejuvenated next year. But I am sure most of us are looking forward to the brief respite we are going to have. There will be no rollcall votes today.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there

will now be a period of morning business for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for as long as I might consume.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SERVING IN THE U.S. SENATE

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, let me begin by thanking you for presiding this morning, for your leadership in the Senate, and for the friendship I think you epitomize when friendships are created, that grow and take root, and that bloom in the Senate. I am proud to call you a friend.

Let me say at the very outset that it has been an enormous privilege serving for the last 6 years in this great body.

I want to express my gratitude this morning, in the few minutes that I am going to take, to a number of individuals who mean a lot to me and my service in the Senate.

I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to my wife Randi, who has been a great fellow mate, an encourager, a partner, and, most of all, my best friend. I am so appreciative to have her here this morning. I wanted to express that.

I also want to thank Chaplain Ogilvie. I appreciate so much his prayer this morning, and his prayers every day—and more than the prayers that he offers for the Senate, the prayers that he offers for our country. But I am especially grateful for his friendship and for his spiritual counsel that he offers to other Members. He is going to be greatly missed in this institution, and I think the country is going to miss his service here.

While we all understand that he is making the right decision, he is going to be sorely missed. As I look back on the last 6 years, I thank you, Lloyd, for the many hours that you gave to me in counsel and encouragement. And I am very appreciative and very grateful.

I also want to express my appreciation to people in the State of Arkansas—the great State of Arkansas, all 2.7 million of them. I thank my staff—not 2.7 million, but it seems like it sometimes.

I want to thank the people of Arkansas. I am forever grateful to them for allowing me the privilege of serving them in the Senate. Of course, those who are familiar with the State of Arkansas know that it is a very diverse and very beautiful State from a physical standpoint, but it is also very different as you go to the various parts of it. I hail from northwest Arkansas. I come from the Ozark Hills—being a State legislator for 8 years, representing a small district in northwest Arkansas, being elected to Congress from the Third District, and coming to

the Senate and serving the entire State of Arkansas has been an enormously gratifying experience. I have learned that not only are the people wonderful and great in those hills of northwest Arkansas, but also the people of the delta with their very different culture and very different background from the Ozark Hills are wonderful people with tremendous values who love this country of ours as much as my native area in the northwest; or the opportunity to represent the one real urban area of Arkansas, Little Rock, our capital city. To be able to represent every area and every region of the State has been an enormously enriching experience—to work not only for the Ozark Hills but for the Mississippi Delta, and our many vast areas.

I discovered the cultural diversity of my State, and I discovered that there are great and wonderful people in every section of Arkansas.

It has been an experience that has far surpassed my wildest dreams and my greatest ambitions.

I thank the people of Arkansas for letting me walk in the footsteps of some great predecessors such as J.W. Fulbright, John McClellan, or the individual whose portrait hangs just outside the Senate Chamber, Joe T. Robinson.

I thank the people of Arkansas.

I also want to thank my colleagues. What a great group—that I believe is dedicated to doing what they believe is right for America.

I served for 4 years in the House of Representatives. Oftentimes down in the House we would usually good-naturedly make fun of the Senate. So when I was elected to the Senate, I recall a number of them coming up and saying: We hope you enjoy your time down at the retirement home at the other end of the Capitol. That was, of course, the kind of outlook that we had down there; that this was the place where nothing got done, and everyone was a little older and a little slower down there. The rambunctiousness and sometimes wild passions that characterized the debate in the House were not as evident in the Senate. But it is not a retirement home. People work immensely hard in this body.

But one of the things that has impressed me more the last 6 years is, in fact, the Senate works just as our Founding Fathers had planned for it to work; that of which Madison said, the popular passions would be cooled and tempered by the deliberative debates in the Senate.

So though sometimes we are frustrated and sometimes we call the Senate dysfunctional, the reality, in my mind, is, it works, and it works just as it is supposed to work, and as it continues to work.

That is one of the great miracles of our experiment in a republican form of Government. It is that this bicameral legislature and our three branches of Government operate just as our Founding Fathers envisioned they would: to